

Harlan County Board Minutes



Supervisor's Room, Alma, NE

Tuesday July 21st 2015

The Harlan County Board of Supervisor's met in regular session Tuesday July 21st, 2015 with Supervisor's JD Schluntz, Lonny Hanna, Rodney Metzger, Doug Horwart, Traci Dietz, and Gary Dunse, absent was Max Schultz. Also present were County Clerk Janet Dietz, County Attorney Bryan McQuay, Road Superintendent Tim Burgeson and Cathy House from the Harlan County Journal. Chairman Horwart called the meeting to order and stated that there is a copy of the open meetings act posted in the room and will be followed by the Board. Clerk Janet Dietz took all proceedings while the convened meeting was open to the public.

Minutes from the July 7th meeting were reviewed. Chairman Horwart called for any additions or corrections. Motion made by Hanna 2nd by Dietz to approve as written. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Clerk presented claims. After Board review, motion made by Metzger, 2nd by Hanna to approve. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Motion made by Dietz, 2nd by Dunse to move into Board of Equalization. Roll call votes all ayes. Motion carried. Chairman Horwart opened the public hearing as published in the Harlan County Journal. No one from the public was in attendance. County Assessor, Kim Wessels, brought to the board Reaffirmation of Tax Exemption on parcel #180055601, Alma Free Methodist Church. Parcel valuation will add onto the tax roll as the house is now being rented. Motion made by Hanna 2nd by Metzger to deny the reaffirmation of tax exemption application. (as applied for in 2014) Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried. Motion made by JD. Schluntz to move out of Board of Equalization and return to regular session, 2nd by Dunse. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

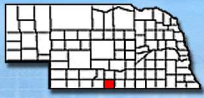
REGULAR SESSION

County Road Superintendent joined the meeting to discuss the Stamford Bridge Project. Lance Harter will finalize the bridge plans and attend the August 4th meeting.

Bonnie Kresser, Harlan County Senior Center Director joined the meeting. Bonnie brought to the Board the Title VI-Non-Discrimination Policy for the Senior Center. After Board review, motion made by Dunse 2nd by Metzger to approve the policy. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried.

Clerk also presented the Board with monthly and yearly reports from District Court and County Clerk. Clerk also supplied the Board with the correspondence from the State of Nebraska, Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. Harlan County Jail was visited and evaluated. The facility was determined to be in full compliance. Clerk has also notified CPA, Robert Dunaway of the County Board Budget workshops to be held August 4th at 3:00pm, August 5th at 10:00am, August 11th at 10:00am and August 18th at 1:00pm. She has not heard back from him as which one he will attend.

Harlan County Extension Educator Meagan Peterson, and Kelly Bruns, UNL West Central Research and Extension Center, Leon Ehrke, and Larry Bose, Harlan County Extension Board joined the meeting. Discussion was held on the previous offer of \$29,798.28/single insurance for the new 4-H Extension Assistant in Harlan County. The offer was turned down. Discussion was held on an inter-local with Furnas County, wages, insurance and working hours in Harlan/Furnas County.



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Kelly Bruns spoke to the Board of moving the job to a State position with Harlan/Furnas County being billed quarterly. Discussion was held on future increases, more hours being spent in Furnas County, changing the 80% Harlan/20% Furnas split, and voiding the agreement with a 90 day notice. Motion was made by Hanna 2nd by Metzger to approve the Interlocal with the State of Nebraska for the Extension Assistant. Roll call votes, all ayes. Motion carried. Salary/benefit package will be \$46,818.00 with an 80% Harlan and 20% Furnas County quarterly billing. Discussion on mileage and using the county car was held. Clerk will contact NIRMA Insurance for advice on State employees using the county car.

Harlan County Hospital Board members, Bruce Beins & Rick Calkins, Manny Wolf CEO, & Sue Lans, Comptroller joined the meeting. May and June 2015 financials were reviewed. Discussion was held on cash on hand, making the Bond payment, interest payment, funded depreciation, and future Hospital Board appointments. Clerk will advertise and take applications.

County Attorney brought the corrected/ finalized Union Contract for the Chairman to sign.

Chairman Horwart adjourned the meeting at 11:31 a.m.

Attest,

Janet Dietz, County Clerk

Doug Horwart, Chairman

(Seal)

Claims

General Fund

Twin Valleys, utilities, \$122.06; Person, DeWald & Deaver, court appointed atty., \$323.00; Main Street Media, publishing, \$183.84; Dier, Osborn & Cox, court appointed atty., \$1,508.70; Daake Law Office, court appointed atty. \$779.00 .